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‘Species on the Edge’ Exhibit Kicks Off Flyway Gallery 2007 Schedule

LYNDHURST, N.J. – The New Jersey Meadowlands Commission will begin the 2007 Flyway Gallery Schedule of Events with an environmentally-focused exhibit in January featuring winning artwork and essays by fifth-grade students across the state.

“Species on the Edge” is a contest sponsored by Conserve Wildlife Foundation of New Jersey. Students write an essay and create a piece of art focusing on one of the more than 70 threatened and endangered species in New Jersey. First place, second place and honorable mention winners were selected from each county in New Jersey. Eloisa Baez, a student at Washington School in Kearny, won first place for her essay and picture on the Bobcat. Other award-winning pieces focus on osprey, short-eared owl, upland sandpiper, red-headed woodpecker and vesper sparrow. The exhibit will run from Jan. 3 to Feb. 1.

“This exhibit is the perfect way to begin our 2007 schedule of Flyway Gallery events,” said NJMC Commissioner Michael Gonnelli. “It is wonderful to see so many students across the state who are interested environmental issues. They are researching threatened and endangered species and turning their research into art. Congratulations to all of the students who participated in this wonderful exhibit.”

The Flyway Gallery is located in the NJMC’s Meadowlands Environment Center. The facility is open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Exhibits and dates are subject to change. For more information, call (201) 460-8300 or log on to www.njmeadowlands.gov/ec.

The New Jersey Meadowlands Commission is the zoning and regulatory agency for the 32-square-mile area along the Hackensack River including parts of 14 municipalities in Bergen and Hudson Counties. Created by an act of State Legislature in 1969, the NJMC is charged with the mandates of environmental protection, economic development and solid waste management. The communities of the Meadowlands District are Carlstadt, East Rutherford, Little Ferry, Lyndhurst, Moonachie, North Arlington, Ridgely, Rutherford, South Hackensack, Teterboro, Jersey City, Kearny, North Bergen and Secaucus. For more information, visit the Web site: www.njmeadowlands.gov.

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